

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 863

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mabra Holeyfield, Third Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Mabra Holeyfield, who is being honored at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the Third Annual Living Legend Awards ceremony, which honors Harriet Tubman and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis on March 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mabra Holeyfield is a certified hotel administrator (CHA) and the owner of Banks and Holeyfield Management, which led the effort to establish a job corps center in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holeyfield was the vice president of M-T Manufacturing, Inc., and a marketing specialist for the Memphis Chamber of Commerce before serving as president of the New Memphis Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as president, he obtained a contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to manage the installation of 1,000 solar hot water systems in Memphis homes, weatherized more homes than any other contractor in the State, developed the Benchmark Hotel, and created the Tennessee Valley Center, which provided assistance to small businesses in the TVA service area; and

WHEREAS, Mabra Holeyfield later served as president of Metro Hotel, Inc., and Bluff City Partners, LLC, purchasing and renovating a ten-story building that contained a public parking garage, ground floor commercial areas, and 120-room hotel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holeyfield serves on the board of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, the Mid South Export Council, the Design Review Board of Center City Commission, the Mental Health Society, the Mayor's Advisory Council, the Memphis Health, Education and Housing Board, the Riverfront Development Corporation, and the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, a member of Leadership Memphis and the Memphis Hotel and Motel Association, Mabra Holeyfield is the chairman of the tutorial program at Hamilton High School as well as the LeMoyne-Owen College Fund Drive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holeyfield received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Tennessee State University and completed course requirements for a master's degree in guidance and counseling; he achieved his CHA certification, the most prestigious hospitality certification available to a hotel executive, in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mabra Holeyfield is an exemplary individual; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mabra Holeyfield upon his recognition at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.